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And the monthly visitors.

Monthly Visitors.

Dec.	1.	Mrs. Fox.	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Storer.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Westcott.	Jan.	15.	Miss McCallar.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Davis.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Bennett.
March	1.	Mrs. Durant.	March	15.	Mrs. White.
April	1.	Mrs. Teele.	April	15.	Mrs. Wright.
May	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	May	15.	Mrs. Davis.
June	1.	Mrs. Storer.	June	15.	Mrs. Westcott.
July	1.	Mrs. Folsom.	July	15.	Mrs. Fox.
Aug.	1.	Miss McCallar.	Aug.	15.	Mrs. Shaw.
Sept.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Sept.	15.	Mrs. Durant.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Bennett.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Teele.
Nov.	1.	Miss Palmer.	Nov.	15.	Mrs. Folsom.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE AVON HOME.

THIS is our twenty-fifth anniversary, and, as at a silver wedding, we can congratulate ourselves upon our many blessings.

The end of this quarter of a century shows us that our labor has not been in vain. Young men and young women rise up to call our Home blessed, and to be grateful for its giving them their first ideas of right and duty. Although as individuals it might be better to dwell upon our failures rather than upon our successes, yet as a Board of Trustees who are spending the money of the public, we must give our candid opinion that the results show that with the expenditure of moderate means we have accomplished more for the physical, mental, and moral advantage of our children than could have been predicted.

We do not claim to have influenced in our Home any famous men or women, but we know we have rescued from worse than poverty many boys and girls now useful members of society, as three hundred and seventy-four have been in our Home. All types of character are represented, and it is surprising, when we remember their inheritance and the homes from which they come, that, as far as we know, but three or four of these children have turned out utterly worthless. One of the boys from the Home, who was there considered a hard case, has been a great comfort to his family since his return. He has

helped his mother, deserted by her husband, in her hard household labors with skill acquired at the Home, and contributes to her support the small sum earned by him as a choir boy. He even asked permission at the church sewing-school to learn to make, for his mother, a shirt waist which she much needed. Another boy, who never gave us any trouble, has developed a taste for money-making, and will probably be a worldly success. He is small and miserly, but neat and orderly, and considered eminently respectable.

As Dean Hodges says in one of his wise sermons, "To be satisfied is a sign of failing powers," so, far be it from us to take that downward path. We are not satisfied while we are obliged to return boys at a critical age to the influences from which we have, for a time, rescued them. Our farm in Concord, let for a small sum and paying large taxes, is only waiting for an endowment to become a trade school for boys too old for our Home. It is difficult to find a vacancy, at the right time, in any of the institutions to which boys can be sent.

The Cambridge people have this summer had an object lesson to teach them the necessity of providing occupation for their boys. We should all ask ourselves what we have done to prevent such a scene as presented itself in the municipal court room. Five Cambridge boys were found guilty of breaking and entering houses closed for the summer, and were, with their fathers and mothers, overwhelmed with distress at finding out the magnitude of their offence against the law. Would it not be a good investment for the city of Cambridge to prevent some of its restless boys from becoming worse by helping the Avon Home to found a trade school at its Concord farm ?

At this twenty-fifth milestone we turn back over our past to recall some who have labored in this good work. Mrs. Paine, for so long President, to whose able adminis-

tration is due much of our early success, whose name is perpetuated by the Trustees in the room where we meet from time to time, as a loving memorial to her. In the same year Mrs. S. P. Teele, whose faithful services to the Home had been rendered for an almost equal length of time. Mrs. Thayer, whose sweet face looks out at us from the room above, so well known and remembered by many who still sit in this Board. Dr. Peabody, for so long our honored President, whose interest, in this as in other works of loving-kindness, never lagged in the added length of days granted him on earth. Mr. B. F. Wyeth, another of our earliest Trustees, whose advice and services were always freely given whenever and wherever needed. Mr. Sumner Albee, whose interest in the welfare of the Home continued to the end of his life. Mr. S. S. Sleeper, whose presence we have long missed, whose name will be held in loving remembrance. Mrs. R. L. Snow we recall as one whose helpful hands, with her loving heart, served us in many capacities.

During the past year we were called on to part with Mrs. Mary A. Bacon, whose labors, through a long period of years, were so kindly given. A woman of works, whose mission was to help, and who lived up to this so thoroughly, the Avon Home was only one of the many institutions which felt her loss.

Indeed the demands upon the time and strength of the Trustees, especially the Visitors, have been so great, that it was deemed wise to add six to the original number, making twenty-three in all, in order to relieve the few from much of the burden.

During the year the health of the children has been excellent, and again our thanks are given to our physicians, who have always rendered such skilful help so willingly.

Mr. Mandell celebrated his birthday in the usual way, by taking each one in the Home for a fine drive one beautiful summer day. The managers of the Food Fair gave

tickets for the children, making a day of great pleasure. The children had an excursion to Crescent Beach; while car rides, shorter trips, with lunches out of doors and picnics, have done much for their well-being. A day was spent at the Dorchester School for Girls, which was returned by their spending the day with us, thus proving of mutual benefit.

Our permanent fund has been increased by the Susie M. Ransom legacy of $16,000, by the Charles W. Oxford legacy of $500, and by a gift of $250 from Mrs. J. W. Bemis, just previous to her death. All praise to those of large material wealth who thus far so nobly supported the cause, remembering the unfortunate poor of God's children, thus fulfilling the law of Christ, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

As our funds bring in, on an average, four and one half per cent, — our later investments three and one half per cent only, — it will be readily seen our income is small, and must be supplemented by larger gifts from the good people of Cambridge. Our thanks must be extended to friends for gifts of clothing, food, milk, fruit, and flowers, with many useful things for the comfort of the children. Yet, with all this help, our family will average more than forty for each day in the year, making a large number to clothe, feed, warm, and educate. We need more funds to go on with the work, to move ahead, to enlarge the usefulness of the present Home, and to carry out projects dear to the hearts of those who labor for "the children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge."

SARAH S. STORER.
ALICE G. TEELE.

At the meeting in April the following tribute to the memory of Mrs. Bacon was read: —

In the death of Mrs. Mary A. Bacon the Avon Home has lost one of its most faithful and devoted workers, who gave generously of her time and strength in its service. As Chairman of the Committee on Clothing and one of the Committee on Admission, she was called on to plan work as well as to exercise tact and discrimination, and in these she was not found wanting.

The Trustees will long miss her prudent counsel, her unselfish readiness to do whatever was required, and her kindness of heart.

The following extract from the report of the Clothing Committee is printed by request: —

The contributions of new garments and partly worn clothing have been very generous during the past year. More than a thousand articles of wearing apparel come into use each year for the forty children in the Home, and each child, when leaving, is furnished with two suits of clothing. Twenty children have gone from the Home the past year, requiring four hundred articles to supply that need, and that amount goes out of the Home permanently.

Therefore the same need for continued help exists each year, and the Clothing Committee express the hope that a still larger number of sewing clubs will keep the needs of the Avon Home in mind, and aim to make an annual gift of well-made children's clothing or material for the same.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Donation from William Taggard Piper	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily Burleigh	500.00
Donation of Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet E. Moore	100.00
By gain from exchange of bonds	166.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	16,000.00
Donation of Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
	$61,107.05

Emergency Fund	$500.00
H. M. S. Fund	39.91
Piano Fund	14.84

The Funds are accounted for as follows: —

Notes secured by mortgages	$10,600.00
Bonds	38,459.95
Railway shares	10,330.75
Savings Bank deposit	1,441.75
Bond Premiums	602.34
Awaiting investment	227.01

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1898, Nov. 8.

Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$415.46
To Cash from year ending November 1, 1899: —		
St. John's Memorial Chapel	$100.00	
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	161.60	
Little Helpers Circle	11.00	
Prospect St. Church	9.76	
Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in Harvard St. M. E. Church	3.41	
Subscription Whist by E. O. W. Club	35.00	
First Baptist Church	10.00	
Ladies' Sewing Circle of First Baptist Church	5.00	
Little Girls' Club	2.00	
Shepard Sunday School	20.00	
"The Hive," Mrs. Thorp, Treas.	10.00	
Individual Donations	492.50	
Annual Subscriptions	935.00	
Board	223.50	
General Income	2,479.47	
May Sale	929.65	
Rent of Concord Farm	325.00	
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00	
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	16,000.00	
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00	
Received on account of Mortgage	9,500.00	
Drew from H. M. S. Fund	11.19	
Refunded from Legal Charges	100.00	
		32,114.08
		$32,529.54

Cambridge Nov. 9. 1899,

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Treasurer, finding the same correct and properly vouched. The securities have also been examined and agree with the treasurer's account.

OLIVER H. DURRELL, *Auditor.*

1899, Nov. 1.

By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$2,037.80	
Provisions and Groceries	1,815.57	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	468.78	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods	222.92	
Furniture and House Utensils	217.98	
Improvements and Repairs	570.45	
Druggist	31.20	
Printing	70.00	
Insurance	56.60	
Concord Taxes	93.00	
Board	126.00	
Excursions	33.40	
Thanksgiving and Holiday extras	26.86	
Telephone	20.13	
Legal Charges	150.00	
Expended for H. M. S. Room	11.19	
Sundries	102.18	
		$6,054.06
Reinvested	9,500.00	
Invested for Piano Fund	11.00	
Invested for Permanent Fund	16,058.75	
Bond Premiums	602.34	
Held for investment	227.01	
		26,399.10
Cash on hand		76.38
		$32,529.54

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending November 1, 1899.

Mrs. G. W. Abbot	$5.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	1.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00
Mrs. M. A. Bacon	1.00
Miss M. J. Bacon	1.00
Miss Barker	.50
Mrs. John Bartlett	5.00
Mrs. A. R. Bayley	1.00
Mrs. G. W. Beaman	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Bemis	5.00
Miss S. C. Bent	2.00
O. T. Boyd	2.00
Miss Edith Bradford	2.00
Miss S. H. Bradford	5.00
Mrs. H. O. Bright	5.00
S. J. Brooks	5.00
Mrs. S. E. Buck	2.00
Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch	1.00
Mrs. W. A. Bullard	2.00
Mrs. F. J. Bumstead	5.00
Mrs. Lucien Carr	5.00
Miss Cary	5.00
Mrs. Newell Chamberlain	1.00
Mrs. D. U. Chamberlin	5.00
Miss L. M. Chamberlin	1.00
Mrs. A. P. Clarke	1.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00
Mrs. William Cook	5.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	1.00
Mrs. John Crawford	1.00
Mrs. A. McF. Davis	1.00
Mrs. Samuel Davis	5.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00
Mrs. A. E. Douglass	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dresser	15.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	2.00
O. H. Durrell	50.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	5.00
Mrs. E. R. Ellis	2.00
Miss M. A. Ellis	10.00
Mrs. T. H. Emerson	1.00
Mrs. F. I. Eustis	5.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	5.00
Mrs. J. C. Fisk	10.00
Mrs. A. L. Floyd	1.00
Mrs. G. H. Folger	2.00
Mrs. Norton Folsom	2.00
Mrs. F. C. Foster	$20.00
Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00
Kuno Francke	3.00
Mrs. F. B. Gilman	2.00
Mrs. L. M. Goodnow	5.00
Mrs. B. F. Goodrich	10.00
Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00
Miss Frances Gray	1.00
Miss E. W. Green	2.00
Mrs. James Greenleaf	20.00
Mrs. L. B. Grover	1.00
Mrs. C. L. Harding	10.00
Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hayes	20.00
Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
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Miss K. McP. Howe	5.00
Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
R. J. Hudson	1.00
R. G. Huling	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Hyde	2.00
Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Mrs. A. E. Jones	2.00
B. M. Jones	5.00
Mrs. C. L. Jones	10.00
Mrs. H. E. Jones	5.00
C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
Mrs. F. B. Lane	5.00
Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	1.00
D. G. Lyon	2.00
Mrs. S. L. Montague	10.00
Miss M. Murdock	10.00
Mrs. N. C. Nash	2.00
Miss W. H. Neal	2.00
Mrs. G. W. C. Noble	5.00
Mrs. Fred. Odiorne	1.00
Miss S. H. Page	1.00
Miss J. W. Paine	15.00
Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	2.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	20.00
Mrs. E. M. Parker	10.00
Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. F. Perrin	1.00

Miss Pike	$0.50
Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. B. R. Rand	5.00
Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00
C. C. Read	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Read	10.00
William Read	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. G. F. Ricker	1.00
Mrs. G. B. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. J. L. Ross	20.00
Mrs. G. E. Ryder	1.00
Mrs. A. H. Saville	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00
Miss M. T. Sedgwick	5.00
Mrs. M. C. Shaw	2.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Miss E. R. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Smith	3.00
Mrs. R. L. Snow	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	$10.00
Mrs. W. F. Stark	2.00
The Misses E. and H. Storer	10.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00
Mrs. C. H. Taft	1.00
Miss C. A. Taggard	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Thayer	3.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	1.00
C. H. Toy	1.00
Benjamin Vaughan	30.00
F. W. Vaughan	5.00
Miss M. H. Virgin	2.00
A. S. Waitt	5.00
Miss C. L. Ware	3.00
Mrs. A. C. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. J. A. Wellington	5.00
Mrs. W. W. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
C. J. White	20.00
Mrs. J. G. White	20.00
Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Mrs. T. F. Wright	10.00
Miss M. C. Wyman	2.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$20.00
Mrs. E. H. Abbot	5.00
Mrs. Sumner Albee	5.00
Francis Boott	5.00
Mrs. J. C. Brown	.50
Miss E. C. Campbell	5.00
C. T. Carruth	25.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	15.00
Mrs. John Davis	10.00
Mrs. A. L. Devens	5.00
Mrs. J. N. Drummer	1.00
Mrs. D. F. Ellis	5.00
Miss Mildred Everett	10.00
Mrs. G. R. Farrell	1.00
F. R. C.	10.00
T. B. Gannett	50.00
W. W. Goodwin	25.00
C. G. Green	10.00
Mrs. Estes Howe	$5.00
Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
W. A. Munroe	12.00
Miss Murdock	2.00
W. H. Neal	5.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	7.00
The Misses Peabody	50.00
W. T. Piper	25.00
G. R. Portch	3.00
Mrs. J. L. Ross	15.00
Warren Sanger	5.00
Miss C. H. Saunders	2.00
E. F. Taft	5.00
Mrs. J. G. Thorp	10.00
Mrs. B. Vaughan	4.00
John Wilson & Son	10.00
J. A. Woolson	100.00
H. D. Yerxa	20.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss Mary A. Ellis, 1756 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending November 1, 1899.

1898. **November.** "The Hive," twenty-nine underwaists, five pairs cotton drawers; Mrs. W. M. Griswold, large rattan crib; Mrs. R. H. Dana, seven pairs drawers, four shirts, three flannel nightgowns, two pairs slippers, one dress, one flannel wrapper; Mrs. Raymond, toys; Old Cambridge Baptist Church, box of cake; Lieut. Com. F. H. Delano, steel engraving, "Christmas Morning;" North Avenue Baptist Church, fourteen aprons; Mrs. William Read, grape jelly and pears; Lee L. Powers, box of toys; Miss Annie E. Smith, one hat; A Friend, thirty garments; Mrs. Oramel Clark (Barre, Mass.), making six pairs drawers; Mrs. T. B. Gannett, cut flowers; Mrs. Smith, apples; Shepard Church Sewing Society, ten aprons; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, two caps, one coat, one boy's suit, one pair shoes, one dress, one wrapper; "Needlework Guild," forty garments; George S. Merrill, barrel apples; Dr. Tower, pears; First Parish Church, fruit and vegetables: Mrs. Walter Woodman, two jackets, two hats, one cap; Miss Whitney and Miss Alice Whitney, fruit; Miss Marion Edgerley's class, Prospect St. Church, one turkey; A Friend, turkey and candy; Miss Palmer, turkey and nuts; Miss Storer, turkey and vegetables; Prospect St. Church, candy and oranges; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, turkey; Mrs. W. B. Durant, oranges.

December. Mrs. W. E. Stone, toys, two pairs drawers, two blouses, two shirts, one pair trousers; Mrs. W. D. Swan, toys; Walter H. Murdock, cut flowers; Miss Alice M. Wood, two nightgowns, two union under garments, one skirt, one waist, one cotton dress; Miss C. A. Taggard, four skirts; Mrs. E. C. Moulton, two coats, one scarf; First Parish Church Alliance, eight dozen rolls; Alvin F. Sortwell, box oranges; Mrs. Cummings, toys and clothing; Miss A. E. Tower, four dozen oranges; D. A. R. Chapter, Boston Tea Party, pies, doughnuts, cookies, pop-corn, cake, etc.; Unknown Friend, seven new toys; Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch, three hoods, two pairs drawers; Miss M. H. Ware, three hoods, one scarf, and cards; Mrs. M. A. Bacon, three dozen handkerchiefs; Miss Palmer, turkey, candy and nuts; Mrs. D. R. Chapman, three hoods, two aprons, two dresses, one skirt, one afghan; Mrs. A. M. Howe, two Christmas cakes; Mrs. C. W. Kingsley, toys; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, toys; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, fancy biscuit; Mrs. W. M. Richardson, toys; Mrs. W. B. Durant, toys; Miss Murdock, forty nickels for the children's stockings; Mrs. R. B. Storer, box oranges and apples; Miss Mary H. Dean, one infant's jacket, hood, scarf, and toys; Francis Cogswell, two chairs; Mrs. J. T. G. Nichols, toys and candy; Mrs. Hazen's Sunday-school class, toys and twenty new nickels for Christmas stockings; H. B. Potter, books; Miss Winifred Rogers, twenty-five new toys and candy; Mrs. S. H. Swan, oranges; Mrs. William Joyce, toys; Margaret and Arthur Allen, toy horse and cap; Mrs. Louis Agassiz, eight pairs drawers, three cotton dresses, one infant's nightgown, and new toys; Ernest W. Thompson, one boy's suit, one coat, and toys; Mrs. S. R. Lane, one large doll and wardrobe and doll's clothing; E. F. Everett, toys; A Friend, scrap-book and two games; Miss Munroe, new toys; William Taggard Piper, cart and large building blocks; Mrs. T. B. Gannett, horse, rocking-horse, and tricycle; Miss Longfellow, a fir-tree.

1899. **January.** St. John's Sunday School, candy; Mrs. W. B. Wood, one dress, one skirt, one doll; Miss Penelope Noyes, four union suits, four pairs stockings, three flannel nightgowns, one dress, book, and toys. Charles W. Sever, books; Sewing Club, "Limited" six flannelette nightgowns, four aprons. William H. Neal, one large sled; Mrs. Fred M. Smith, boys'

suits and underclothing; Holdfast Circle of King's Daughters, for Gilman room, eight sheets, four pillow-cases; Mrs. F. C. Houghton, Letter Game; George F. Ricker, cleaning rugs; "The Club," one nightgown, one pair drawers, one apron; For "Little Helpers" room, six sheets; Billings and Stover, calendars; Mrs. W. E. Stone, three nightgowns, three shirts, two blouses; Mrs. M. J. Hastings, one coat; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, one coat; Mrs. S. B. Hildreth, picture-books; Mrs. John Davis, six pairs mittens; Mrs. C. L. Harding, material for dresses; Miss Jennie Moore, eight packages wheat germ, forty pounds oatmeal; Alice M. Wood, cradle, dolls, and three pairs mittens; "The Club," four pairs drawers, four cotton dresses; O. H. Durrell, three large packages samples.

February. Shepard Memorial Church Aid Society, twenty-four sheets, nineteen pillow-cases, nineteen towels for Thayer room, also seven aprons; "The Hive," eight waists, eight pairs flannel drawers, three pairs cotton drawers, one dress; Ladies' Aid Society, 48 Quincy St., making of fifty cotton waists; Mrs. F. W. Platner, cards, etc.; Mrs. Charles H. Morse, two boys' suits, two shirt waists, one cap; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, four union suits, three pairs slippers, one boy's suit, one dress, one wrapper, pair shoes, and hat; "The Club," eight pairs drawers, two aprons; Mrs. B. W. Taggard, three aprons, two skirts; F. E. U. A. W. Sewing Club, seven dresses, one nightgown, one hood; Miss Mary Frost Munroe, game and books; Miss Bacon, six pairs worsted slippers; Y. P. S. C. E., Pilgrim Church, papers; J. C. Scorgie, milk; "O. B. Club," six flannel skirts, three waists, two nightgowns; Hugh Brodie, Christmas-tree stand; Marion and Julian, toys; For "Little Helpers" room, six sheets; Mrs. M. A. Weitze, two aprons, one cape, one cap, one pair shoes, and rubbers.

March. Mrs. A. Rice, pictures; Mrs. W. W. Curtis, two neckties, two dresses, one boy's suit, one blouse; "The Club," three aprons, one pair drawers; Y. P. S. C. E., Pilgrim Church, papers; Mrs. W. E. Stone, two boys' suits, two overcoats, two pairs gloves, one rubber coat, one pair shoes, one necktie; "George Junior Republic," picture-books and papers; "The Club," two aprons, one nightgown, one skirt, one pair drawers; Mrs. William Read, clothing; Sewing Club, "Limited," eleven nightgowns, five aprons; Mrs. W. E. Stone, toys; Mrs. M. E. Ward, barrel of toys; Miss Annie E. Smith, hats; Mrs. W. B. Wood, two nightgowns, two skirts; Mrs. Bulfinch, toys; Miss E. S. Bulfinch, one hood.

April. Mrs. C. F. Dunbar, fifteen skirts, one apron; "The Club," three aprons, one nightgown; Mrs. Sears, one waist, one pair shoes, one pair rubbers; Miss Mary Frost Munroe, toys; Miss Aubin, material for aprons; Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Scotch gingham remnants; Y. W. C. A., five pictures; Russell Kettell, velocipede; The "Crickets," twelve "Mother Hubbard" aprons; Mrs. James Mellen, one pair crib blankets; Mrs. A. H. Clark, cards; Pilgrim Church Y. P. S. C. E., papers and magazines. Francis Richards Newcomb, Nancy Piper, Junius Alexander Richards, Ralph Crosby Piper, three dollars for an Easter gift for the children's use; "Basket Club," six aprons, five cotton dresses, two flannelette dresses, four skirts, one bib; For "Sunshine" room, six sheets, ten pillow cases, ten yards crash; Mrs. Louis Agassiz, three cotton dresses; "The Hive," five pairs cotton drawers, two pairs flannel drawers, two waists; Mrs. J. W. Bemis, clothing; Miss M. R. Peabody, clothing; Miss C. A. Taggard, ten new gingham dresses; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, clothing, fifteen pillow-cases, twenty sheets, twenty towels for Harriet Woodward room; Miss Elizabeth Warnock, books; Miss Christine Farley, flannel; Mrs. D. R. Chapman, two pairs drawers, one cotton dress, one waist.

May. "The Club," six aprons, three nightgowns, two dresses; Mrs. Clarence Blake, one blanket; Mrs. B. W. Taggard, two aprons, two skirts;

Mrs. James Mellen, candy and game; The "F. E. U. A. W.," four dresses, four nightgowns; O. H. Durrell, package of lace samples; Charles Teele, five dozen toilet soap, two boxes laundry soap; Mrs. Charles T. Carruth, two boys' suits, two pairs trousers, one coat, one cap, one shirt; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, four cotton dresses, three coats, two boys' suits, one woollen dress, one sweater; Mrs. B. Frank Jones, nine new hats; Mrs. P. T. Jackson, material for dresses; Mrs. Godfrey Cabot, two dresses, one hat; "O. B. Club," one apron; Mrs. Leander Floyd, two pieces elastic; Miss Marion Frost, two flannelette dresses; Mrs. Edward Read, toys; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, clothing; Mrs. W. B. Durant, clothing; Benjamin F. Hatch, baby carriage and clothing; Mrs. J. G. Morrison, three dresses, two hats, one coat; Sewing Club "Limited," three aprons; Mrs. Leroy S. Brown, large swing; Mrs. M. P. White, five cotton blouses, two boys' suits, one wash suit, one pair trowsers, one pair gaiters; Mrs. F. L. Cunningham, infant's clothing; A Friend, box of clothing; Mrs. W. E. Stone, velocipede, two garments, three pairs of shoes; Mrs. D. A. Ritchie, four shirt waists, three summer dresses, one woollen dress; Mrs. A. F. Sortwell, toys and clothing.

June. O. B. Club, three flannel skirts, four aprons, one shirt waist, one infant's slip, one pair drawers; F. E. U. A. W. Sewing Club, ten flannelette nightgowns, eight flannelette dresses, three knit hoods; "The Guild," seven flannel skirts, two flannelette dresses, six infants' gowns; J. Q. Bennett, one hundred feet of woven hose and attachment; Teachers of the Kindergarten, Colgate School, large box of cake; Mrs. W. D. Swan, six dresses; Mrs. E. R. Ellis, boys' clothing, suits, coats, gloves, boots, underwear; Mrs. A. Kidder, boys' clothing, underwear, collars and cuffs; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, five shirt waists, eight linen collars; Mrs. A. A. Howard, three flannel nightgowns; Mrs. W. E. Stone, four pairs flannel drawers, two flannel skirts, two pairs sneekers, one pair rubber boots, one pair boots; "The Guild," four cakes, two glasses jelly; Miss M. M. Joslin, box of cake; F. C. Lyman, Emergency Manual; Sewing Club "Limited," ten aprons, five nightgowns; Mrs. Robert Cowen, two boys' suits; "The Club," three aprons, one nightgown; Miss Ada L. Briggs, three dresses, two aprons, two nightgowns, one skirt; Mrs. Walter Woodman, one hat, one dress, one coat, one rubber coat, pictures to cut; Mrs. George Kent, Amherst, N. H., three new gingham dresses, six bibs; Mrs. Charles T. Carruth, nine new knives, eight bibs, one suit, cap, blouse, pair of stockings, rubber boots, and felt slippers; "The Bee," five waists, two pairs cotton drawers, two pairs flannel drawers, one baby's slip; Miss Stewart, magazines for children; Miss Bertha Hunnewell, box and bundle of toys; Miss Marguerite Chase, seventeen scrap-books, two chairs, one hat, one large basket of toys; Mrs. Richards, shoes and magazines; Mrs. Edward Read, one pair pants, one piqué coat, one blouse, two blouse fronts; Mrs. W. B. Wood, two gingham aprons, one dress; Mrs. Joseph Dorr, five muslin guimpes; Mrs. Leroy S. Brown, three handkerchiefs, two pairs trowsers, two underwaists, rubbers, shoes, and slippers; "No Name Club," fourteen flannelette petticoats, twelve flannel blouses.

July. Mrs. White, three pairs gloves, two blouses, two skirts, one dress, rubber boots, boots and stockings; Mrs. Westcott, ice-cream and fire-crackers; Mrs. M. C. Shaw, ten flags; J. H. Corcoran, tickets and car fare for Fourth of July entertainment; A Friend, four pairs drawers, two skirts, two hats, one blouse, toys; Sewing Club "Limited," three aprons, one nightgown; F. E. U. A. W. Sewing Club, four flannelette dresses, four nightgowns; "Luncheon Club," twenty-four gingham aprons, twenty pairs flannel drawers; Dennison Manufacturing Company, through W. F. Beetle, large package fancy paper; caps for the children from Mr. Mandell's friends; Mrs. Frank Bolles, chair; Mrs. S. A. Studley, one skirt, one pair trousers, one coat; Through Mrs. S. A. Studley, clothing.

August. Miss Morse, apples; Alice L. Woodman, cards, etc.; Miss Mary Frost Munroe, books, slate, etc.; Sewing Club "Limited," one flannelette nightgown; Mrs. P. G. Porter, picture for "Little Helpers" room; "O. B. Club," two pairs drawers, one dress; "The Club," one nightgown; Mrs. Page, globe and atlas; J. C. Scorgie, milk.

September. Mrs. T. L. Smith, barrel sweet potatoes; Mrs. Joanna C. McKay, two baskets grapes; Mrs. J. O. Whitten, one bushel pears; A Friend, crackers; Miss Parsons, three jars preserve, two pictures; Miss A. E. Smith, fourteen felt hats; Mrs. W. B. Wood, four pairs drawers, two skirts, one dress; G. F. Ricker, cleaning three rugs; Mrs. T. L. Smith, barrel pears.

October. A Friend, toys, etc.; Miss Margaret C. Wyman, toys; William H. Neal, two baskets pears; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, twelve new knitted hoods; G. F. Bourne, baby carriage, robe, and clothing; John A. Logan Post 186, through Mr. Estes, cake; Mrs. S. H. Holland, barrel apples; Mrs. Robert Willard, four flannelette skirts; Dr. Ezra F. Taft, two shirts, two pairs drawers, one overcoat, one flannel suit, one pair trowsers, one waist; North Avenue Congregational Church Sewing Society, making of ten nightgowns; "The Hive," three pairs woollen drawers, two pairs cotton drawers; Sewing Club "Limited," two nightgowns; Oak Grove Creamery, four to six quarts of milk daily, in addition to the supply purchased.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may re-admit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Corporation for adoption, unless removed within six months after the end of the designated period of re-admission.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or overnight, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department. All bills for such supplies, after approval by one of the committee, are to be paid monthly.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

7. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.